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## Commencement Begins To-day At Seminary and Mount Hermon Complete Program Of All Events

Separate commencement exercises will be held at each of the Northfield Schools on Monday morning, June 13. Northfield Seminary will hear Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy, professor emeritus of Yale Divinity school, deliver the commencement address in the Northfield Auditorium. Mount Hermon will have the Rev. James T. Cleland, professor of religion and philosophy at Amherst college, as its speaker. The 1938 classes are the largest ever to leave either of the schools. Mount Hermon's graduate list numbering over 170 students and the Seminary's list numbering 145.

The commencement week-end program will begin on Saturday with the observance of Class Day at Mount Hermon and Alumnae Day at Northfield Seminary. In the evening the girls of Northfield Seminary's Estey Chorus and the boys of the Mt. Hermon Glee club will combine voices to present the final concert of the school year in the Northfield Auditorium. Melvin L. Gallagher, choral director of the schools, will conduct.

Baccalaureate Sunday will be observed with Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Seminary, speaking in Russell Sage Chapel, and Headmaster David R. Porter making the address in Mount Hermon's Memorial Chapel. The graduation exercises will begin at 11 o'clock at the Seminary and at 10 at Mount Hermon on Monday morning.

Franklin county boys who will be graduated from Mt. Hermon school are: Augustus M. Winder, Jr., of Greenfield; Albert L. Cembalisty, Alden D. French, Lawrence A. Glazier and Ronald W. Williams, all of Northfield; J. Ebens Potts, Charles H. Taber and Robert T. Thompson, all of East Northfield; Frank R. Foster of Bernardston and Milton A. Wilde of Mt. Hermon. There are 44 Franklin county boys now enrolled in the school.

County graduates from Northfield Seminary will include: Sara L. Donaldson and Phyllis Gordon, both of Bernardston; Mary Whitmore of Sunderland, Phyllis C. Roberts of Conway, Shirley Langheir of Northfield, and Ruth V. McEwan, Charlotte E. Newton and Gladys C. Rikert, all of East Northfield. There are 38 Franklin county girls listed at the Seminary.

### PROGRAM AT THE SEMINARY

Friday, June 10

7:30 P. M. Alumnae Round Table Meetings Palmer Hall

8:30-9:00 P. M. Senior Step Singing Chapel Steps

Saturday, June 11

9:30 A. M. Annual Meeting of Alumnae Association Philips Hall

11:30 A. M. Parade of Classes

12:30 P. M. Alumnae Luncheon Skinner Gymnasium

3:30-5:30 P. M. Faculty Reception to Alumnae, Seniors and Their Guests Miss Wilson's Home

3:30-5:00 P. M. Art and Home Economics Exhibit

Exhibit of Water Colors by Mary Boomer, '16

Home Science Hall

3:30-4:00 P. M. Swimming Exhibition Henry C. Munger Memorial Swimming Pool

5:00-6:00 P. M. Alumnae Business Meeting and Reunion The Homestead

6:15 P. M. Class of 1492 Dinner Moore Cottage

7:30 P. M. Dedication of Bench in Memory of Mr. Frank L. Duley

8:15 P. M. Concert by Estey Chorus and Mount Hermon Glee Club Auditorium

Sunday, June 12

7:30 A. M. Communion Service Russell Sage Chapel

11:00 A. M. Baccalaureate Service Russell Sage Chapel

Address by Miss Wilson

2:30-3:00 P. M. Meeting of Students' Aid Society Miss Wilson's Home

5:00 P. M. Alumnae Service Round Top

Led by Rev. Ellis E. Jones

8:15 P. M. Hour of Music Russell Sage Chapel

9:30 P. M. Lantern Service Chapel Hill

Monday, June 13

11:00 A. M. Commencement Exercises Auditorium

Address by Rev. Henry Hallam Tweedy, D. D.

### PROGRAM AT MOUNT HERMON

Friday, June 10

6:15 P. M. The Senior Supper Social Hall

8:00 P. M. Movies, "The Buccaneers" Camp Hall

Saturday, June 11

10:30 A. M. Baseball, Varsity vs Northfield West Hall Lawn

3:30 P. M. Class Day Exercises and Awarding of Prizes

8:00 P. M. Joint Concert Auditorium, Northfield Seminary

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Headmaster David R. Porter

3:00-5:30 P. M. Reception Ford Cottage Lawn

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Address by Prof. James T. Cleland, Amherst College

### More Tax Rates

The town of Monroe will probably have the distinction of having the lowest tax rate in the state with the announcement of assessors just made public that the rate for this year will be \$14 per thousand. This figure however is \$4 higher than last year. At New Salem the assessors announce a rate of \$42.80 for this year, which is an increase of \$14.80 over last year. This is the highest rate thus far announced for this section. It is said the New Salem rate increase is due to the new town hall being built as a PWA project.

### In Extension Service

Mrs. Charles Taber, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Mrs. Martin E. Vorce of this town have again been named to carry forward the extension service in the work of Home Economics, thus assisting Mrs. Vesta P. Coombs and Miss Beatrice Billings. The subject of clothing will be considered at the various gatherings held throughout the county. The purpose of the town committee is to assist the home demonstration agent, to secure the proper publicity, and to get together a local group who are interested in the subject under consideration.

### HERMON CLASS DAY PARTICIPANTS



Left, Charles Goetz, Salutatorian; Thomas Walsh, Valedictorian

### SCHOOL GRADUATION FRIDAY, JUNE 17 PROMOTIONS HELD TO-DAY (FRIDAY)

Promotion exercises for members of the grade schools will take place this Friday evening in the Town Hall when certificates will be given to the following pupils:

#### East

Richard W. Barrows	Ruth E. Rikert
Philip A. Howe	Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Grace E. Howe	Shirley M. Severance
Barbara A. Hunt	Norton P. Field
	William K. Huber

#### Center

Alfred D. Aldrich	Ransom C. Kenney
Eleanor A. Barnes	Peter E. Ladzinski
Mary J. Bolton	Stella M. Lernatowitz
Edmund W. Brassor	Leon C. Mankowsky
Ida M. Bugbee	Betty Richardson
Graie E. Churchill	William L. Richardson
Muriel V. Dresser	Winona E. Robinson
Helen S. Dymerski	Esther Smolen
Francis H. Fisher	Andrew R. Stacy
Paul E. Gibson	Fred Stone
Hubert A. Holloway	Lois M. Washer
Winthrop H. James	Ernest F. White
Stanley E. Johnson	Harry D. Wing
	John A. Witalski

### JOHN W. HESELTON ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Attorney John W. Heselton of Deerfield has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of the Northwestern District to succeed District Attorney David H. Keedy of Amherst, who will not seek re-election. Mr. Heselton's candidacy has received endorsement from members of the Franklin County Bar.

During the term of former District Attorney Joseph T. Bartlett, Mr. Heselton was his assistant in Franklin County. He has been identified with the trial of many of the outstanding criminal cases in Franklin county in recent years.

Mr. Heselton was born March 17, 1900 and graduated from Amherst college in 1922. He received his legal education at Harvard Law school. From 1926 to 1931 he was associated with the law firm of Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett in Greenfield. On January 19, 1931 he opened his own office where he has since practiced.



Atty. John W. Heselton

He was elected a Selectman of Deerfield in May, 1931, and served four terms. Upon its reorganization in the fall of 1932, he was elected secretary of the Franklin County Selectmen's association and served in that capacity for five years. In January, 1935, he was elected president of the Massachusetts State association of Selectmen and has been re-elected annually since that time. During his term of office the growth of the association's activities and influence has been marked; several important legislative acts of value to towns having been initiated by it.

He was appointed United States Conciliation Commissioner for the county in 1934 by United States District Court Judge Elisha H. Brewster and was re-appointed on April 30, 1938. In March of this year he was appointed town counsel by the Deerfield Selectmen to succeed the late Judge Philip H. Ball. Since September, 1936, he has been the representative of the Mass. Legal Aid association in this district. He has also served on the Deerfield Finance Board and, in 1935, he was chairman of the committee which revised the town by-laws. During the existence of NRA, he was chairman for Deerfield. In 1936 he was elected clerk of the board of trustees of Deerfield academy.

An active Republican, he has been an officer of many Republican organizations. He has been secretary of the Deerfield town committee since 1928. He was elected to the Republican state committee from the Franklin-Hampshire district in 1936.

Mr. Heselton was married to Libbie S. Sweet of Deerfield on August 11, 1931.

### Seminary Alumnae

The Northfield Seminary Alumnae association invites all former students to attend alumnae activities over the Commencement week-end, June 10-13. Reservations are necessary for the alumnae luncheon on Saturday at 12:30, and the 1492 supper. If you have not already done so, will you please call the alumnae office by Friday evening, if possible. The office will be open Friday evening. Members of the 1492 group will wish to note that the time of the business meeting, to be held at the Homestead, is 5:00. Supper will be served at Moore Cottage immediately following the meeting at the Homestead.

### Louise Andrews Camp Closes; Salvation Army Will Conduct Summer School For Its Girls

Louise Andrews camp off the Pierson road has ended its efforts as a camp for working girls for several years conducted under the auspices of the Northfield League. The property consists of about fifteen acres and ten buildings, one of which was a large structure housing the assembly and dining room quarters. The camp was named in memory of Louise Andrews, the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Andrews of Plainfield, N. J. who died in 1913 at the age of 20 years.

The original property consisted of the farms and homes of Dr. Barton and of Dr. Pierson. Besides the large building with its spacious verandas facing the Connecticut valley and the Vermont hills, there are four cottages to the south and a dormitory building. To the east is another dormitory while northward is a cabin and outdoor fire-place. There is a large field and tennis courts. Otherwise the land is heavily wooded.

The property was offered to the Salvation Army, and they have accepted the same and

deeds will soon pass when signed by Mrs. Harper Sibley the League president. Mrs. William R. Moody, the honorary president of the League, who was much interested in its work, says that the use to which the Salvation Army will put it will be in a manner upholding the best traditions of Northfield.

The Salvation Army, with the supervision of Maj. C. A. Lockwood of the staff, will inaugurate the new use to which it will be put, that of providing a summer home and school for training girls to take leadership in its undertakings. Officers of the Army have arrived in town to take charge of the premises and put the same into condition for use. A telephone has been installed.

Faced with the problem of the camp this spring, the Northfield League committee felt it would be impossible to carry on. The buildings and extensive recreational plant were offered to the Northfield schools, which did not feel able to accept the gift.

The Salvation Army was then approached and the camp was accepted by them.

### Saw Wild Flowers At Bailey's Camp

A visit was made last Monday afternoon to the woodland camp of Irving L. Bailey, with its most interesting garden of wild flowers on the Shelburne road in the "Old Mill Gorge," by the members of the Northfield Garden club. At the place a basket lunch was enjoyed and the hospitality of the premises were extended. There were about fifty who attended and President Irving J. Lawrence presided at a brief business session.



Prof. M. L. Gallagher  
Who will direct the Estey Chorus and Mt. Hermon Glee Club in a joint concert at the Auditorium Saturday night.



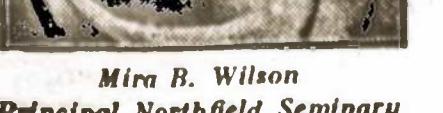
Ada Annie Chutter  
Death came to Miss Ada Annie A. Chutter on Tuesday night at midnight as she slept at her home on Highland avenue. She had been in failing health for several years and the end came peacefully. She was 74 years of age and was born in England, coming to America with her parents when a child. With her sisters she had been a resident of Northfield for many years. Surviving are a brother, Rev. Fred Chutter of Hamden, Conn., and a sister, Miss Fanny Chutter of this town. The funeral services were held at the home Thursday evening at 7 o'clock with Rev. W. W. Coe officiating and burial was today (Friday) in the family plot in Forest Hills cemetery, at Boston.

### Grange Fair Building

The Granges of New England are to have a permanent building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition at West Springfield and ground was broken last week for the erection of a \$20,000 structure. The building will be two stories in height of frame and colonial in appearance. The building will be used for Grange exhibits and for the personal accommodation of its members. The money has already been provided by the gifts of individual members and local units throughout the New England area. The completion of the building will be rushed and made ready for use this year.



David R. Porter  
Headmaster Mt. Hermon School

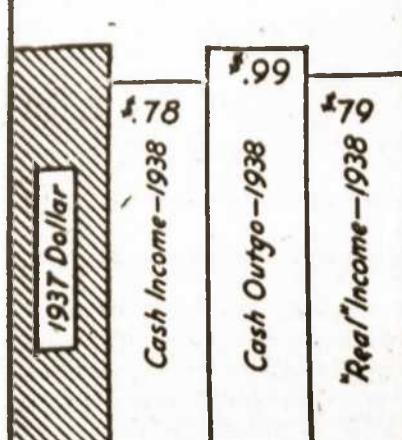


Mira B. Wilson  
Principal Northfield Seminary

American Income Falls  
21 Cents; Living Costs  
Dip One Cent In Year

PURCHASING POWER  
April, 1938, Compared  
with April, 1937

INVESTORS SYNDICATE  
MINNEAPOLIS



THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in national income changes in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate, of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in April had a "real income" of 79 cents, or a decline of 21 cents on the dollar from the same 1937 month. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures, but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in April was 78 cents for every \$1 a year earlier. This decline of 22 cents on the dollar resulted from the following losses per dollar: wages 32 cents; salaries sixteen cents; and investment income sixteen cents. Other income was down eight cents on the dollar.

Rents were up two cents on the dollar last April as compared with the same 1937 month; food was down seven cents, clothing was off one cent, and miscellaneous items were down five cents.



## PERSONALS

### Northfield Press TESTED RECIPES By Frances Lee Barton

A FROSTED cake at the picnic is an elegant gesture no doubt—but it's a bit of a headache as well, what with getting it to the picnic safe and sound—and then keeping the children from getting the frosting liberally smeared over them. The first of these problems is happily solved by making a frosting which you can take in a jar to the picnic, to be applied to the cake cafeteria fashion, as it is served. As for the children and their propensity to spread frosting liberally on themselves—you'll have to take that in a spirit of fortitude or else produce threats dire enough to prevent that catastrophe.

#### Chocolate Wonder Frosting

3 ounces (1 package) cream cheese; 2 to 3 tablespoons milk; 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar; 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted; dash of salt.

Soft cream cheese with milk. Add sugar, 1 cup at a time, blending after each addition. Add chocolate and salt and beat until smooth. Makes enough frosting to cover tops of two 8-inch (or 9-inch) layers, or top and sides of 8x8x2-inch cake, or about 2 dozen cup cakes. Double the recipe to cover tops and sides of two 10-inch layers.

Note: This frosting, when tightly covered, may be kept in refrigerator several days before using.

IN summertime, when the great outdoors calls you away from the hot kitchen, you can compromise with duty by serving the folks a salad supper. You needn't feel in the least guilty if it is a big bowl of mixed green salad flanked by a plate of Pimento Cheese Biscuits—with a dish of berries and cookies to follow. The family will forgive your desertion of the kitchen when they taste.

#### Pimento Cheese Biscuits

1 cup sifted flour; 1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder;  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt; 2 tablespoons butter or other shortening;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk (about).

2 ounces pimento cheese; 2 tablespoons butter.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk gradually, stirring until soft dough is formed. Turn out on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds or enough to shape. Roll  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick, cut with floured  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch biscuit cutter, and place on ungreased baking sheet. Melt cheese and butter over hot water, stirring until blended. Place a teaspoon of cheese mixture on each biscuit. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 10 minutes, or until done. Makes 15 biscuits.

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## SOUTH VERNON

A children's concert will be held at the South Vernon church next Sunday at 10:45 a.m. There will be recitations and songs by the children and special music by the choir. The Sunday school will be omitted. In the evening a baptismal service will be held. Several candidates are to be baptized. Mid-week service at the Vernon Home, Thursday at 7:00 o'clock.

Three students from the Providence Bible Institute are to hold a meeting at the South Vernon church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Mary Cowles of Wilbraham, is spending her vacation with Mrs. Christine Corser. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles and family were former residents here. Her daughter, Miss Janie Cowles, is boarding with Mrs. Ruth Holton and attending Northfield High School. Her other two small children are visiting their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Billings in East Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Martin spent the weekend at their old home in Venshire, Vt.

E. W. Dunklee, Master, and R. Edgar Bruce, chaplain, and ten other members of Vernon Grange attended the Regional Grange meeting held at Townshend, Vt. Tuesday evening.

The Pond P.T. A. held a food sale at Elmer Scherlin's barber shop last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Hazel Scherlin and Mrs. Beatrice Scherlin were in charge. This sale was for the benefit of dental work.

Monday night the Pond P.T. A. held a business meeting at the Pond school. Robert Collins was elected president; Mrs. Irene Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Collins, secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Scherlin, treasurer. Hospitality committee, Mrs. Pauline Streeter; Membership committee, Willis Collier, Jr.; Misses Winona Scherlin and Addibelle Lane. Budgeting committee, Arthur Streeter; News reporter, Mrs. Anna Scherlin. A fine entertainment was given and was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collins. Refreshments were served.

The South Vernon P.T. A. held a business meeting at the South school, Monday night, followed by a fine entertainment in charge of Mrs. Edna Edson. The large audience were well pleased.

Mrs. Eunice Jackson of Springfield was a recent guest of her neice, Mrs. Martha Emery and brother-in-law, Arthur Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale of Bernardston have recently moved into the Walker place in West Northfield.

#### 'Twas A Wild Storm

Following an unusual hot wave of weather on Tuesday, an unusual storm of cyclone intensity visited Northfield in the late afternoon continuing of more or less form all Tuesday night. Thunder and lightning was heavy and the bolts of flame seemed to come down all about us. Electricity was off for a couple of hours and many lines were short circuited and fell to the ground. All about the northern section of the town large limbs were torn from trees, especially those on Winchester road, at Mrs. Britton's on Main street where the falling of a limb damaged the porch and house badly, and at Mr. Colton's.

Accompanying the rain came down large hail stones and much damage was reported to gardens. The furnishings on many porches of our homes were blown about and soaked by the howling storm. Hillside roads were badly washed. The day had brought forth some freak weather.

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**PERSONALS**

Curtis A. Carmean graduates from Yale the 22nd of June and will take a position with the Connecticut Life Insurance Co. in Hartford.

Rolfe L. Carmean has returned home after a very successful year at Yale university.

Miss Esther P. Havercraft, graduates from Pratt Institute, school of household science, dietetic course, on June 9. She will go to Yonkers hospital for a 6-month internship.

Miss Ethel V. Lawrence and Mrs. Maud N. Voris left Monday for a motor trip during which time Miss Lawrence will visit her niece at Kingston, N. Y. and her home at Kenville, N. J. Mrs. Voris will visit friends at Jeffersonville, N. Y.

Miss Emma E. Woodard of North Attleboro will arrive today to open her home "Laurel Holme" in the Highlands for the summer.

Donald R. Sutherland and Stanley Newton are both at their homes here from Buckhannon college, West Virginia. They will be employed at the Seminary during the summer.

Miss Marion Dunham of Seattle Wash., who recently assisted in the set-up of Youth Hostels in that state, has joined the headquarters staff of the American Youth Hostels here.

Dr. F. Wilton Dean attended the meeting of the State Medical society in Boston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Maydole returned from a two weeks' visit to Steuben, N. Y. where they had gone to settle the estate of Mr. Maydole's father recently deceased.

Mrs. Mildred Addison spent last weekend in Boston with friends and relatives.

Mrs. D. F. Sutherland of Parker street has won one of the Turnbull ice cream cakes as a prize in the WHAI radio contest. This is the fourth time Mrs. Sutherland has won contests.

Miss Adelaide Hood, secretary of SPCC work in the Franklin county district left Sunday for a six weeks' vacation during which she will attend the National conference of social work at Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kelty of Elmonte, Calif., spent the weekend with Robert L. Wood, their friend at the home of his mother Mrs. N. P. Wood here. Mr. and Mrs. Kelty are visiting by motor many vacation places in Vermont and New Hampshire. Mrs. Robert L. Wood and her daughter Gwendolyn who are spending the summer in Europe write that they are having a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Cortland Finch still continues seriously ill at her home here in the care of a nurse. A consultation called by her physician was held Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mahoney and infant daughter of Cleveland, Ohio were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Mahoney's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones. Following the Memorial Sunday services at the Union church of which Mr. Jones is pastor, the infant daughter was baptized Judith Ellen Mahoney.

Miss J. Ethel Leach of Newburg who expected to locate in New York has purchased a home at Conway instead.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Staples, who have been resident at Northampton since their marriage in November have moved to Warwick for residence. Mrs. Staples was the former Winona Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Robbins of Parker street.

Mrs. A. H. B. Heath and Miss Alberta MacDonald of Belmont who have spent the past month at the Northfield hotel and greeted many friends have returned to their home.

Mrs. Anna Freeman who has spent the past winter in Florida, has returned to her home here on Main street.

The nomination of Lawrence Quinlan as postmaster at Northfield for another term was made, inclusive of many others, by the President to the Senate on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Stanley Carne and her son Homer have left for Wheaton, Ill., where Homer and Miss Gertrude Engelsman will be married next Tuesday. Mr. Carne will follow later.

Mrs. A. F. Bennett of Northfield Farms and her sister have returned from a stay of two months in Bermuda.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Trinitarian Church**

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

The annual Sunday school program will be given at the Children's Day service next Sunday morning at 11, the choir will assist. At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by a worship service; at 7:00, Rev. Arthur Truesell of Bernardston, and the members of their Endeavor group will unite with the local group for the service; at 8:00 Miss Ruth Truesell will give an illustrated lecture on her work in Kenya Colony, East Africa, Ruth is returning immediately to Africa, and many will want to hear her splendid message.

Thursday at 7:30, the weekly prayer service, followed by the choir rehearsal.

**South Church**

Rev. Mary Andrews Connor

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The subject to be presented is Where do you live and in what company are you?

Next Sunday, June 19, will be "Demonstration Day" for the church school, followed later by the Dedication of Children brought by their parents.

**St. Patrick's Church**

Rev. James J. Mitchell

Masses, first Sunday of the month 8:30 a. m. Every Sunday, 10:30 a. m.



**The Cat**

The reason nothing ever comes of discussions about cats is that no two persons can ever agree on which cat to talk about. The cat-hater always talks about cat-rascals—sinister back alley toms that are born to a life of crime and never escape. They are products of both environment and heredity. They are killers, thieves, disturbers of the peace, carriers of disease. They know no good, do no good, receive no good.

The admirer of cats almost always passes lightly over the cat underworld, to expatiate upon the virtues of the toms and babies that are household pets in the homes of the well-to-do.

These cats are not criminals—or do not need to be. They are well fed, well cared for, well groomed. They are fond of their keepers in their aloof, catty manner, in spite of much belief to the contrary. If this were not so, how account for the often-proved fact that cats will leave home if master or mistress dies or goes away for an extended visit?

Cats kill birds, and do not kill many mice or rats—this is a statement the cat-haters are fond of making. They do not prove this, of course. But it sounds well for their case when it is made. One of the easiest ways of disproving it is to visit several farms. Now, few more sensible persons exist than the Yankee farmer. And on almost any Yankee farm you will find from two to a dozen or more cats, depending upon the size of the farm. Ask the farmer why he keeps so many cats and he will tell you, "To protect the grain from mice and rats. If it wasn't for the cats the mice and rats would almost run away with the place."

Of course cats kill birds. So do men. But a cat kills only for food. Many men kill many dozens of birds that they never use for food. They kill, they will tell you, "Because it's sport." A bird is just as dead, of course, killed by a human being for sport as it is when killed by a cat for food.

When cats are abandoned, left to shift for themselves by families going on vacation, or returning from vacation, sometimes they take to the woods, if woods are nearby, and become, to all intents and purposes, wildcats. But are cats to be blamed for the cruelty and heartlessness of their owners?

And still the fact remains that those who like cats like them, while those who don't don't. That seems to be about all there is to any argument on the subject. —Editorial in Springfield Union.

**Veterans' Legislation  
Will Aid Thousands  
Red Cross Says**

Important changes in veterans' compensation legislation which will open the door of government benefits to thousands of widows and orphans of World War veterans have been stated by Mr. Frank L. Boyden, chairman of the Franklin county chapter of the American Red Cross, this week.

The amended law makes compensation for death not due to service available to widows and children of World War veterans whose service-connected disability was only 10 per cent. Previously, death benefits were paid in such cases only where the veteran was 30 per cent disabled, or, if there were children in the family, 20 per cent.

While this applies only to World War veterans' dependents, a new law increasing the pensions of certain soldiers, sailors and nurses who served in the Spanish-American war, the Philippine Insurrection and the China Relief Expedition has just been passed by Congress and signed by President Roosevelt.

The latter Act provides a \$60 monthly pension for veterans 65 years old who served at least 90, days and to those who served less than 90 days and were discharged for disability incurred in service. Under the old law veterans were not eligible for this increased pension until reached the age of 75.

The act also increases from \$72 to \$100 a month the pension for persons whose physical or mental condition requires regular attendance of a nurse or other individual.

This increased pension will take effect on the date on which application is filed. Veterans and nurses eligible for this increase must apply for it. Pensions will be changed automatically.

Through its Home Service committee, the Red Cross will assist veterans, their widows and children in obtaining benefits made available through both these new laws. Applicants should see Miss Olive M. Long at chapter headquarters, 15 Bank Row.

The legislation controlling death compensation for World War veterans' widows and children states that in the future awards will take effect on the date of death, provided the claim is filed within one year after that date. Otherwise it will be paid from the date of filing claim. In no case, however, will death payments go back farther than May 13, 1938, the date on which the new Act was signed. Thus if a veterans whose service-connected disability was 10 per cent or more died in 1937, 1936, or any other previous year, his widow's or children's compensation would not date back farther than May 13 of this year.

In addition, the Act removes the time limit for filing evidence of existence of service-connected disability in these non-service death claims. Formerly such disability had to be made known to the Veterans' administration within three years.

In defining the term "widow of a World War veteran," as it applies to all death compensation, the Act declares the couple must have been married before May 13, 1938.

**For China's Sake**

Mr. John W. Haigis, chairman of the disaster relief committee of the Franklin county chapter, American Red Cross has received contributions amounting to \$85 to date for the China Relief fund. The quota for the county has been set at \$470 and the funds are to be forwarded by the National organization to China where the money will be allocated to existing agencies through a committee of American business men appointed by the American Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson for use in relieving the suffering and distress of Chinese civilians.

No quota has been set for the various towns of the county, but the following towns have already made contributions:

Deerfield, \$6; Greenfield, \$53.50; Turners Falls, \$10; Shutesbury, \$2; Orange, \$5.50; Gill, \$2; Sunderland, \$1 and Shelburne Falls, 5. Contributions have been received from the Grace M. E. church of Turners Falls, the Fellowship fund of the First Baptist church of Greenfield, and the employees of the radio station WHAI. Donations may be sent to the chapter office, 15 Bank Row, Greenfield, or to the Franklin County Trust Company, First National Bank & Trust Co., at Greenfield.

**"Josette"**

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**EDITORIAL**

The Home Owners Loan Corporation of the United States government is now celebrating its 5th year of service. It has served more than 750,000 borrowers and has accomplished a great work in giving our people the opportunity to keep their own homes. Perhaps its most notable feature is that it has popularized the reduction loan. It has abolished the second mortgage. The good work deserves a continuance and should not be looked upon as a political contrivance.

The coming to Northfield of another organization to conduct a school of leaders to carry on in its aims and purposes will meet with a cordial reception from our people. Northfield has always thought well of the work of the Salvation Army and its appeal has been generously responded to. Louise Andrews camp will serve a worthy purpose in its use by the Salvation Army in conducting its girls' training school.

Secretary Hull speaks out. He reminds Germany and Czechoslovakia that the Kellogg Pact binds them to settle their differences peacefully. The anti-Fascist forces have interpreted this to mean opposition to Germany and Germany itself rejects the reminder. Why not put ourselves on record as opposing the tactics of the fascist nations and their leaders. The American people are not sympathetic with the governments of either Germany or Italy and they might just as well know it and be told so in no uncertain terms.

**The Back Yard Gardener**

Well, I'm going hunting for a gametophyte, or, if you don't like the sound of that one, a prothallium. You see at this new place of mine I have some rather shaded areas, and so decided that I could very well do with some excellent ferns.

Ferns you know offer an unusual variety in the way of sizes and pattern of leaves. As one famous writer put it, "Nature made ferns for pure leaves just to show what she could do in that line."

And then when I got to studying up a bit on the fern structure, I found some rather interesting facts that I did not know—or at least if I ever did I had forgotten.

A fern is sort of a second generation. They produce these little tiny spores, often as many as four or five million on a single leaf, and most people—at least I did—have the idea that these spores are in reality seeds. Well, perhaps they are. But these little spores, when they drop on to the ground, germinate and produce a thing called a gametophyte or prothallium. It's a green heart-shaped thing, very, very small. And it produces little root-like structures and also produces two kinds of one-celled bodies. These are called sperms and eggs, and when they unite they become known as a spore, and it is from this spore that the fern plant grows. And of course as soon as the little plant takes root, the parent plant dies and disappears.

Ordinarily you think of ferns as liking cool moist places, and they certainly seem to do very well there. But also you will find them growing on some of the driest possible places. I've read of them growing on roofs of houses, and I've also read about their growing on the trunks and branches of large trees.

Of course you can propagate ferns by sowing the spores on moist soil or on some porous object which is kept moist. I have even read of fern spores being started on the outside of a flower pot which is filled with water.

Of course some ferns have developed other ways of reproducing themselves. For example, the *Bracken fern* has little bulb-shaped things on the leaves which fall off and produce new plants. The walking fern, for example, takes its name from the fact that it bends over and roots where the branches touch the ground.

And then of course you know that many of the ferns have



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underground root stalks which send up new plants.

One beautiful thing about ferns is that they are mighty tough individuals and can be transplanted most any time of the year, although early spring and autumn are the best times. It is simply a case of taking along plenty of earth and keeping them moist during transplanting. Of course if you tear off most of the root system in digging, you should cut back the tops accordingly.

And here's a surprising fact which I learned. Most ferns favor or soils with lime in them and some insist on such soil, but a good garden soil will suit most of them, and it's only the bog species that need an acid soil.

So with these facts before me I certainly am going to make an effort to develop a fernery on my place. I'll have climbing ferns, walking ferns, creeping ferns, tree ferns, perching ferns, filmy ferns, and others. And I hope that you have a chance to do the same.

**Know Massachusetts**  
Compiled by  
State Planning Board

You know that because of Massachusetts' supremacy in shipping, the Indians of Vancouver Island still call all Americans "Boston men" . . . Captain John Smith in 1614 sent a load of dried codfish to Spain, New England's first export . . . It was George Cabot of Beverly who opened American trade with Russia in May, 1784 . . . The first volunteer company of the Continental Army was formed in the aisle of the Old South church at the close of a service, by Ezra Hunt . . . Henry Sterling, former secretary of the Massachusetts Homestead Commission, is remembered as the father of city planning in this State . . . The construction of Quabbin Reservoir will create the largest inland body of water in Massachusetts and results in completely wiping out four towns and changing the boundaries of six others . . . Marblehead is the largest yachting center in the United States . . . During the time of the gold rush every clipper ship but one that could boast a day's run of over 400 miles was built by Donald McKay of Boston . . . At the close of the Civil War, Boston had the largest merchant fleet in the United States . . . Massachusetts set the style for four and five-masted schooners . . . In the Charlestown Navy Yard the rope-walk turns out rope for the entire Navy . . . At her launching in 1797 the "Constitution" embarrassed all concerned by sticking in the ways and month's work was required to get her into the water . . . Newburyport Woolen Co., established in 1794, was the first mill of its kind in America . . . Jacob Perkins of Newburyport, silversmith extraordinary, invented the first machine for making nails, a reverse side for bank-bills which checked counterfeiters, and a steam gun that fired a thousand balls a minute.

**May's Weather**  
The month of May had a rainfall of three and a half inches, a little more than the normal rainfall. The highest temperature was 77 and the lowest 34. There was frost three nights during the month. The month was marked by bright sunshine and also very heavy winds. It was a month of extremes and there was weather aplenty to suit every desire. Most people complained of the cool temperatures. Vegetation took a real spurt during the month.

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